

Workshop held on foster care

by Laura-Jean Gilbert

More than 40 individuals from 11 states came to Kendall Green June 23-25 to participate in a "first of its kind" workshop on the topic of Deaf Children in Foster Care.

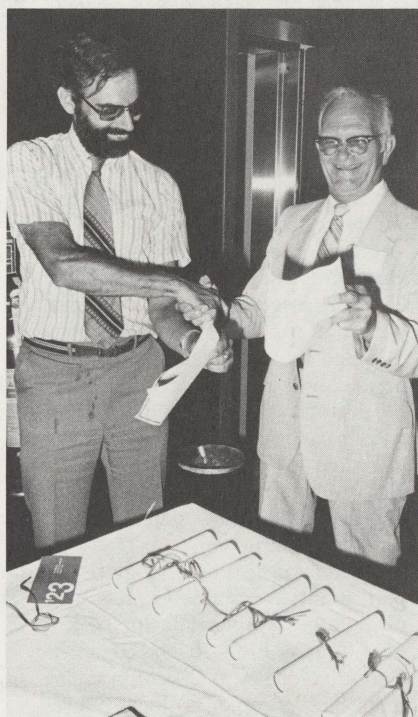
Co-sponsored by the National Academy and the Task Force on Foster Care, formed by persons working in that field in Maryland and the District of Columbia, the workshop brought together social workers, agency representatives and foster parents for a frank discussion of the problems and possibilities of placing deaf children in foster care situations.

Connie Knight, coordinator of Professional Training Programs in Health for the National Academy, and Martha Sheridan of the Task Force on Foster Care for Hearing Impaired Children and Adolescents, set the tone for the workshop in their introduction in the packet of materials given to each participant:

"We know that deaf children are often placed in foster care under emergency situations with families who may have boundless good will but no knowledge of the disability and no sign language skills. Most likely, the social worker whose job it is to maintain this placement and guide the child's development has the same disadvantage. As a result, worker, parent, and child are left to fend for themselves with no easy access to information. This workshop represents a beginning step at remedying this problem. . . . It is hoped that both foster parents and social workers will be able to use the information presented here to strengthen and improve existing efforts on behalf of deaf children. It is also hoped that we, as a planning group, will gain a better sense of direction in terms of meeting these needs."

Participants heard not only from foster care professionals but also from deaf adults who had grown up in foster care situations. They learned of new

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Gary Rafiq and Don Pettingill congratulate each other on the certificates they received at the special dinner held for donors.

Sweden changes national policy on deaf students

At the third International Symposium on Sign Language Research held June 22-26 in Rome, Dr. Brita Bergman of the University of Stockholm reported that the Swedish Ministry of Education had just announced several changes in its national policy concerning schools and programs for deaf students.

First, Swedish Sign Language will be viewed as the first language of deaf students. Second, Swedish will be viewed as the students' first "foreign language" (English will be the second foreign language). And, third, school programs will become bilingual.

As a step toward implementing these changes, the curriculum of the teacher training college will include training in Swedish Sign Language and methods of foreign language teaching for Swedish. Educational opportunities will also be provided for those teachers already working in the schools.

Participants at the International Symposium came from 22 countries and the presentations were interpreted into 10 signed languages and two spoken languages. William Stokoe of Gallaudet's Linguistics Research Lab gave the keynote address.

The next Symposium will take place in Helsinki, Finland in 1987. In addition, a conference for European researchers will convene in Holland in 1985.

Donors honored at dinner

One hundred donors to Gallaudet were recognized for their support June 24 at a dinner and reception. All of the guests were 1982 members of one of Gallaudet's five leadership gift societies: the Abraham Lincoln Charter Society, the Edward Miner Gallaudet Presidential Society, the Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet Society, the Amos Kendall Society and the 1856 Club.

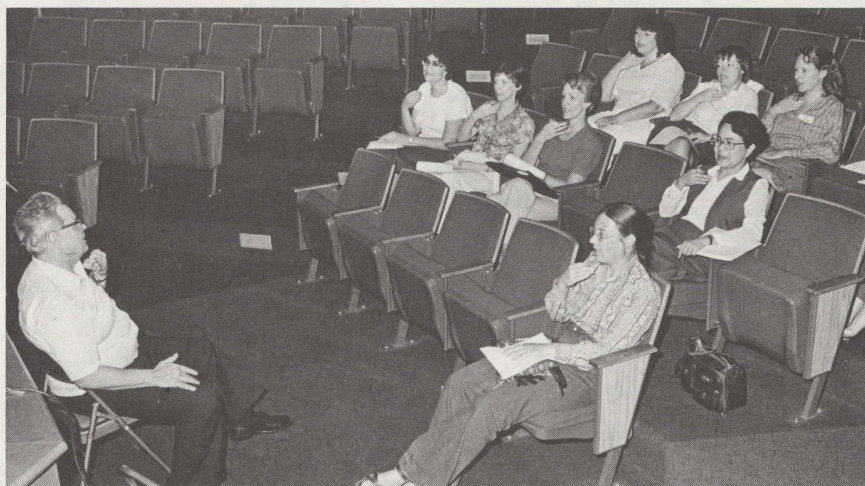
Following the dinner, President Merrill welcomed the guests and expressed the College's appreciation for their generosity. He spoke about the importance of their gifts to our students in providing scholarships and programs.

Melanie Wilding, an Honors Program sophomore from Utah, gave a presentation on the Honors Program and showed a videotape of its Sleeping Bag Seminar. Entertainment was provided by the Gallaudet Dancers, who performed two numbers, and Doris Wilding, who presented two songs in sign

language. Wilding, a sophomore from Idaho who spent a year studying in Finland, signed one song in both Finnish and American Sign Languages.

Merrill introduced some of the key volunteers who have worked with the Development Office in fundraising. Alan and Flo Crammatte were recognized for their leadership with the Alumni House Campaign, for which they served as co-chairpersons. Dave and Polly Peikoff, who served as honorary co-chairpersons for the nationwide Alumni House Campaign, were also recognized. May Curtis was introduced as a volunteer who is at the center of a number of important projects. She began volunteering at the beginning of the Alumni House project and has continued to share her time.

At the end of the evening, certificates of appreciation were awarded to each guest.



Orin Cornett, left, director of the Cued Speech Program at Gallaudet, talks with participants at the Cued Speech workshop held on campus from June 26-July 2.

Reed speaks at business luncheon

Vincent Reed, this year's chairman of Gallaudet's Annual Business campaign who has been doing community relations work with the *Washington Post* for the past year, spoke about the situation facing public education at a recent luncheon meeting of the International Association of Business Communicators.

"Public education is the base on which this country has grown," said the former superintendent of D.C. Public Schools and former Secretary of Education. But many people say that public education is a failure, Reed pointed out, and the president has cut money for public education expecting that the private sector will pick up the slack.

Although the public is being hit from all sides with requests for help, said Reed, there are ways that organizations

can help bridge the education gap, and he cited some programs started by the *Post* as examples.

The *Post* has started a "Success in Reading" program to train teachers to use the newspaper to improve math and reading. People at the *Post* have "adopted" a school in the inner city. The *Post* has printed and distributed job hunting guides and brochures in public schools. A mini-grants program has allotted \$300 to each school district, and teachers with winning proposals can spend the money in their classrooms.

Many inner city children have attitude problems that make it difficult for them to go from the 12th grade into the world of work, Reed said. But through programs such as these, attitudes can be changed.

Open Lecture

Dr. Klaus Schulte, director of the Center for Applied Linguistics for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled, College of Education, Heidelberg, West Germany, will give a lecture this Thursday, July 14 at 3:15 p.m. in Ely Center Auditorium. His topic will be "Deafness in the Federal Republic of Germany." Everyone is invited to attend, and a reception will follow the lecture.

Personalities

Aldora Whitaker is a secretary with the Audiology Department. She previously worked with the UMWA Health & Retirement Fund.

Sharon O'Boyle is a senior applications programmer with Computer Services. She has her BA in Math/Computer Science and MS in Statistical Science and formerly worked as manager of Computer and Statistical Operations with PEPCO and as a statistician at the Bureau of Labor.



Whitaker



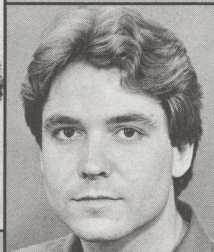
O'Boyle

Romonia Roberts is a secretary with Sign Communication. She has previously worked with the American Security Bank, Forbes Temporaries and Staff Search Temporaries.

Bill Isham is a staff interpreter with Gallaudet Interpreter Services. He received his MA in School Counseling for the Deaf from Gallaudet and has worked as a free-lance interpreter, dorm supervisor at the Kansas School for the Deaf and coordinator of summer sign language/interpreter training programs at Gallaudet.



Roberts



Isham

Eloise Molock is a career counselor assistant with Counseling and Placement. She received her BA in Education from Bowie State and her MA in Counseling from Gallaudet last December. She was a secretary with the NCLD from 1978-80.

Harold O'Connell is assistant to the director of Hearing/Vision Impaired Programs. He has his BA in Philosophy and has worked in deaf outreach at the Vermont Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation, with the Austin School for the Deaf (VT) and in investment banking.



Molock



O'Connell



These children, who are participating in Gallaudet's summer recreation program, gather in the Field House at the start of a day of fun.

ABE workshop held at Gallaudet

Classes in Adult Basic Education were the springboard for several former ABE students who came to Gallaudet the week of June 13-17 to share their experiences. The former students were on a panel as part of the week-long workshop in Adult Basic Education for the Deaf. One now teaches in the ABE Program, and some have gone on to college.

ABE programs were represented from around the United States and Canada. Interns from Gallaudet's Programs in Adult and Community Education (PACE) also joined the workshop for their second of three weeks of training to gain a better awareness of how to serve the educational needs of their local deaf communities. Workshop participants included teachers and administrators who came from social environments where their communities do not understand the needs of their students.

The theme of the workshop, "Working with Disadvantaged Deaf Adults," was addressed by professionals on a variety of topics. Program sharing revealed that the greatest needs, nationally and in Canada, were in the areas of funding, recruiting trained staff, orienting the hearing community to the needs of deaf people, working with multihandicapped deaf adults, locating appropriate materials and computerized instruction.

In addition to the workshop agenda, participants were able to view a display of materials appropriate for ABE for deaf people June 15 and 16 in Ely Center. More than 20 commercial publishing companies, local public libraries and resources from Gallaudet were represented.

The ABE workshop was coordinated by Nancy Pollock, ABE Specialist, and the materials display was organized by Leslie Proctor, Materials Development Specialist, both of PACE.

Foster care

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concepts in foster care that stress extensive training for foster care families so that they become part of the professional team working with the agency and the social worker.

Jerry Schoenecker of Associated Catholic Charities in Baltimore spoke about that agency's "Risk" plan for foster care where foster families agree to work closely with the agency to move the child back to its biological family or, when that is not a possibility, to accept the responsibility for becoming the adoptive family for the child. He stressed the importance for each child to have a sense of stability and belonging.

The workshop also provided basic information on hearing loss and nonverbal communication from basic gestures to an introduction to what sign communication encompasses.

The workshop identified two basic needs: more deaf families that would be willing to serve as foster parents for hearing impaired children and adolescents, and more social workers who are deaf themselves or who are knowledgeable about deafness and able to communicate well with deaf people. There is also a related need for agencies working in the field of foster care to be aware of the advantages of having such social workers on their staffs and of the advantages of placing hearing impaired children with hearing impaired foster parents.

For more information about this workshop or about foster care, contact Connie Knight at the National Academy or Martha Sheridan, Jewish Social Service Agency of Metropolitan Washington, 6123 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD, 20852, 881-3700 voice or 984-5662 TDD.

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